



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**  
**SOUTH REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #9**  
**SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA**

**Public Comment Period: June 11, 2009 to July 13, 2009**

**WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed South Region Elementary School #9 site. This workplan describes the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 719 cubic yards (1,109 tons) of soil from the site. The site is a 3.9-acre rectangular-shaped area consisting of 16 parcels, including single- and multi-family residential properties, two parking lots, and commercial properties. The Site is bordered by Firestone Boulevard to the north, Willow Street to the south, residential and commercial properties to the east, and residential properties and commercial properties to the west in South Gate. During environmental investigations, concentrations of lead, chlordane, and dieldrin exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites were detected in shallow soils at 10 parcels. Therefore, DTSC recommended that LAUSD remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility.

The DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed, the removal's short duration, and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

This notice is to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to the DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on June 11, 2009, and ends on July 13, 2009.

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Juan Osornio, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **July 13, 2009**.

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Leland R. Weaver Library, 4035 Tweedy Blvd., South Gate; Walnut Park Elementary School, 2642 Olive St., Huntington Park; State Elementary School, 3211 Santa Ana Ave., South Gate; LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 1055 West 7<sup>th</sup> St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, and at [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org). Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment. Project documents can also be found at [www.envirostor.gov](http://www.envirostor.gov).

**CONTACT:**

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal activities, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov); or Juan Osornio, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5498 or email: [josornio@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:josornio@dtsc.ca.gov). Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: [jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov). For information on the DTSC, visit our web site: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

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